

REMARKS

Amendment to title provides a title that Applicants believe is more commensurate with the presently claimed invention. Amendment to the Cross-Reference section updates the statuses of the parent applications of the present application. The amendments to the description correct typographical and/or transcription errors.

The amendments to the claims direct (by deletion of Claims 1-8) the claimed invention to the homogeneously branched linear ethylene α -olefin species; increase the specified density range of component (A) in Claims 9 and 24; incorporate a slope of strain hardening coefficient (SHC) limitation into Claims 9 and 24; correct a transcription error respecting the "no high density fraction" recitation in Claims 9 and 24; correct a transcription error and conform Claim 24 to Claim 9 by making clearer that the composition claimed in Claim 24 comprises both component (A) and component (B); reformulate the Jepson claim form of original Claim 24 in favor of a standard claim form; and correct the preamble of dependent Claims 25-30 to provide reference to the recognized statutory class of "composition."

New Claim 31 and the SHC limitation recited in dependents Claims 10 and 25 are submitted to provide enhanced protection for the claimed invention.

Support for the density range limitation in Claims 9 and 24 can be found in the original specification (parent application number 08/054,379, filed April 28, 1993) at page 7, line 12.

Support for the SHC limitation in Claims 9 and 24 can be found in the original specification in original dependent Claims 10 and 25 and at page 10, lines 25-27.

Support for the correction of the "no high density fraction" recitation can be found in the original specification at page 5, lines 23-27 as compared to page 14, lines 6-10 wherein the term "no high density fraction" is used in reference to homogeneously branched ethylene polymers while the terms "linear fraction" or "linear polymer fraction" are used in reference to heterogeneously branched ethylene polymers.

Support for the SHC limitation in Claims 10 and 25 can be found in the original specification at page 10, lines 25-28.

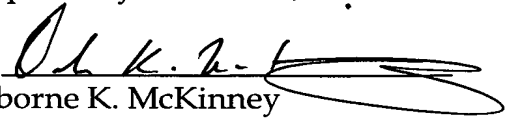
Support for new Claim 31 can be found in the original specification at page 7, line 13 and at page 7, line 29 to page 8, line 1.

Applicants believe none of the amendments to the title, description or claims add any new matter. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination of the above-identified application.

Claimed subject matter equivalent to that presented herein was previously submitted in a Pre-Examination Amendment, mailed November 26, 1997. The Pre-Examination Amendment was directed to a continuation application which was simultaneously filed (November 26, 1997) under Attorney Docket No. 40121BX. The

continuation application, filed November 26, 1997, was a Rule 1.62 continuation application of application number 08/475,737, filed June 7, 1995, now abandoned. A Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue was also submitted November 26, 1997 as to application number 08/475,737. Promptly after the USPTO grants the Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue, Applicants plan to expressly abandon the Rule 1.62 continuation application, filed November 26, 1997, in favor of more expedient prosecution of the claimed subject matter in the present, above-identified application.

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